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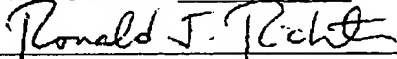
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Applicant: Michael J. Rutter  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 10/04/2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. No additional fees are believed to be due.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.